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Dear Dr. Tabash:

As leaders from the Middle East meet with President Bush in hopes of strengthening the foundation for peace, my thoughts and best wishes are with you on the official opening of the hospital's newly expanded facilities. The care and concern shown by your staff toward women and children addresses a vital need for quality health care in the region.

Members of our Committee on Appropriations and its staff have seen the progress you are making and continue to be impressed by your close association with USAID's West Bank Office. This partnership has expanded the capacity and availability of critically needed care for the most vulnerable members of society. It has also been a credit to USAID's historical mission.

I congratulate you and all those assembled in celebration of this first day in your new facilities.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond